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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hiroyoshi Funato

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For: DIFFRACTION GRATING, METHOD OF
PRODUCING IT, METHOD OF
DUPLICATING IT, OPTICAL HEAD
DEVICE EMPLOYING IT AND OPTICAL
DISK DRIVE APPARATUS EMPLOYING
THE OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE

Examiner: P. H. Gupta

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 24, 2007, Applicant hereby elects claims Group I, claims 1-76, for continued examination, without traverse.

The Examiner has required a restriction between the following:

I. Claims 1-76, drawn to a method for producing and duplicating a specific type of diffraction grating, classified in class 359, subclass 566.

II. Claims 77-159, drawn to an optical head device and apparatus for use including a $1/4$ wavelength plate and diffraction grating, classified in class 368, subclass 100.

Allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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